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Field Crops

Cotton harvested is 90 percent complete across the State, three percentage points below last year and one point below the 5-year average. Alfalfa harvest is active on under half of the State's acreage. Alfalfa condition remains mostly fair to good. Range and pasture conditions across the State vary from poor to good, depending on location and elevation.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week central Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupes, carrots, Chinese cabbage, greens, honeydews, miscellaneous Asian vegetables, miscellaneous herbs, parsley, spinach, and citrus. Western Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupes, cauliflower, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, frisee, honeydews, kale, miscellaneous Asian vegetables, miscellaneous herbs, miscellaneous melons, green onions, parsley, spinach and citrus. Lettuce shipments included Boston, green leaf, iceberg, red leaf, and romaine.

Weather Summary

Temperatures were below normal in the State for the week ending December 16. Temperatures ranged from 1 degree below normal at Safford to 10 degrees below normal at Flagstaff. The highest temperature of the week was 66 degrees at Roll and the lowest reading occurred in Flagstaff at -8 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 18 of the 22 reporting stations. Flagstaff received the most at 1.11 inches of precipitation and Yuma received the least with 0.02 inches. Two stations are currently above normal precipitation for the year to date. Prescott is 56 percent below normal for precipitation.

Range and Pasture

Most of November was dry for most of Arizona's rangeland and pastures. The last week of the month however brought some much needed precipitation. The State's rangeland and pasture condition varied from poor to excellent, depending on location. Arizona cattle and calves were in mostly fair condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were mostly short due to the lack of rain. Insect damage was mostly moderate.

In Arizona's Northern region, rangeland and pasture condition varied from poor to good. High and mid elevation conditions were fair to good. Low elevation conditions were mostly poor. Cattle and calves were in fair to good condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were short. Insect damage was light.

The Central region's rangeland and pasture condition continued poor to mostly fair. High elevation conditions were mostly fair. Mid and low elevation conditions were poor to fair. Cattle and calves were in mostly fair condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were short. Insect damage was mostly moderate.

In the South, rangeland and pasture conditions varied from poor to excellent. High elevation conditions remained fair to excellent. Mid and low elevation conditions varied from poor to excellent, depending on location. Cattle and calves were in mostly fair condition. Stock water supplies adequate and soil moisture was short to adequate. Insect damage was light to moderate.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data
December 10 - December 16, 2007**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	44	-4	62	27	0.00	5.96	-2.80	68
Buckeye	48	-4	63	30	0.03	4.38	-2.80	61
Canyon De Chelly	26	-7	37	9	0.24	8.07	-1.26	86
Coolidge	47	-4	64	28	0.51	6.16	-0.74	89
Douglas	43	-3	64	21	0.37	12.68	-0.21	98
Flagstaff	20	-10	37	-8	1.11	17.42	-4.24	80
Grand Canyon	25	-3	39	1	0.11	12.95	-6.30	67
Kingman	37	-7	49	23	0.00	3.99	-5.33	43
Marana	48	-4	64	33	0.63	9.52	-0.27	97
Maricopa	47	-3	61	31	0.29	6.04	-0.41	94
Paloma	45	-6	62	29	0.17	3.93	-1.58	71
Parker	48	-4	63	29	0.00	1.60	-1.73	48
Payson	34	-6	47	19	0.37	17.06	-3.92	81
Phoenix	52	-3	64	40	0.02	5.04	-2.14	70
Prescott	33	-4	46	18	0.29	8.40	-10.48	44
Roll	48	-4	66	29	0.00	2.06	-0.85	71
Safford	44	-1	57	24	0.20	10.54	1.34	115
St. Johns	29	-6	47	5	0.32	10.05	-0.94	91
Tucson	47	-7	62	29	0.40	9.80	-1.65	86
Willcox	41	-3	62	20	0.29	13.69	1.44	112
Winslow	31	-3	43	13	0.34	6.09	-1.65	79
Yuma	53	-4	64	41	0.02	2.71	-0.20	93

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

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